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SRSG VERBEKE

REF: A. USUN 1058
[1](#)B. STATE 114032
[1](#)C. NOVEMBER 22 MOORE - GEE E-MAIL

[1](#)1. (SBU) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. In response to reftel A, the Department authorizes Post to convey U.S. positions below regarding suggested replacements for the current UN Representative for Georgia, Johan Verbeke, notwithstanding prior guidance in reftel B. A Department instruction with additional guidance on final U.S. positions on the names in paragraph 3 will be forthcoming.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The U.S. strongly opposes the following possible candidates to replace current UN Representative for Georgia, Johan Verbeke:

- Tim Guldimann (Switzerland)
- David Harland (UN DPKO)

[1](#)3. (SBU) The U.S. also believes the following candidates would be inappropriate either due to concerns regarding the geographic distribution of positions or prejudice by certain parties:

- Heidi Tagliavini (Switzerland)
- Philippe LeFort (France)

[1](#)4. (SBU) The U.S. is willing to consider the following names (and open to other suggestions), but we require more time to perform due diligence before developing final positions:

- Matias Eorsi (Hungary)
- Lamberto Zannier (Italy)
- Jean Arnault (France)
- Rosalind Marsden (UK)

[1](#)5. (U) The Department would appreciate Post's feedback (and that of the Quad) on the names in paragraph 3 and any other suggestions that may arise. Please contact IO/UNP K.G. Moore, 202-647-0042 or moorekg@state.gov, for additional background or with questions.
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